



## ELEMENTARY CONTESTS

### ART CONTEST

**"My Choice, My Voice, My Vote"**

Grades K-5

Two age-group categories: K-2 and 3-5.

We encourage students in *Promote the Vote* to express their patriotism and creativity by designing artwork depicting civic responsibility and voter participation. Many times the works of these young artists make the most lasting impressions.

- This year's K-2<sup>nd</sup> and Grade 3-5 Grade Art Contests draw inspiration from our 2011 PTV theme: **"My Choice, My Voice, My Vote."** Art entries should illustrate the idea that Americans have the opportunity to share their views and choose their elected officials by casting a ballot on election day. They may also want to illustrate how voters can amend the Mississippi Constitution by proposing and then voting to approve proposed Constitutional Initiatives.

All entries become the property of the Secretary of State's Office.

Awards will be granted in two categories:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5

First, second, and third place winners will be announced for each category. Top winners will receive savings bonds awards along with certificates of recognition. Selections of submitted artwork will be on display at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson during the months of January and February 2012.

Suggested media for drawings are colored pencils, colors, watercolors, and poster paints. We discourage pastels or charcoal because these are fragile applications and may be harmed in the mailing/judging process. **Art must be submitted on sturdy 11" x 17" white poster board.** Our intent is to preserve the integrity of the student's artwork.

The *Promote the Vote* Art Contest is open to all Mississippi students in grades kindergarten through Grade 5.

### **ART CONTEST JUDGING PROCESS**

Artists' names and addresses will be kept secret from the judges until winners are announced.

- Submissions that do not conform to the Official Rules of the Contest shall be ineligible for competition.
- Submissions will be assigned an identification number upon receipt.
- Submissions will be judged for content, originality, and artistic merit.
- A panel of judges will be selected by the Secretary of State's Office.
- First, second, and third place winners will be selected from each of the two elementary-aged categories.

## **ART CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

1. All entries must be received by the Secretary of State's office by Friday, Dec. 2, 2011.
2. Entries must be sent to the Secretary of State's Office, *Promote the Vote* Art Contest, Attn: Laura Walker, Post Office Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205.
3. Contestants must be enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Designate grade level.
4. Entries must be original artwork by the student.
5. Artwork must be submitted on sturdy 11x17 white poster board.
6. The contestant's name must NOT appear on the front of the artwork.
7. Only one entry per contest is allowed per contestant. Students may enter both art contests.
8. The participant submitting the entry must be a student in a class that registered for Promote the Vote 2011 and participated in the Mock Election, submitting election results to the Secretary of State's office.
9. Each piece of artwork must be accompanied by the art entry cover sheet. The student's social security number is required.
10. The Secretary of State's Office will not be able to return submitted artwork. Please take photos or make copies for the student's own records.

## **MUSIC/DRAMA – Grades 3-5**

We encourage students in *Promote the Vote* to express their patriotism and creativity by writing, producing and starring in a musical or dramatic presentation depicting civic responsibility and voter participation.

- This year's Grade 3-5 Grade Music/Drama Contest draws inspiration from our 2011 PTV theme: **"My Choice, My Voice, My Vote."** Entries should illustrate the idea that Americans have the opportunity to share their views and choose their elected officials by casting a ballot on election day. They may also want to showcase how voters can amend the Mississippi Constitution by proposing and then voting to approve proposed Constitutional Initiatives.

All entries become the property of the Secretary of State's Office. A video of the students' work should be submitted on a DVD for judging. A written script and presentation should accompany the contest entry.

This is a group or class project. The presentation should last no longer than 15 minutes.

First, second, and third place winners will be announced for each category. Winning classes/groups will receive an award along with certificates of recognition. Videos/DVDs of the winning showcases will be shown at the PTV Awards Ceremony in Jackson

## **MUSIC/DRAMA CONTEST JUDGING PROCESS**

Winners' names and addresses will be kept secret from the judges until winners are announced.

- Submissions that do not conform to the Official Rules of the Contest shall be ineligible for competition.
- Submissions will be assigned an identification number upon receipt.

- Submissions will be judged for content, originality, and artistic merit.
- A panel of judges will be selected by the Secretary of State's Office.
- First, second, and third place winners will be selected.

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3. Contestants must be enrolled in Grades 3-5.
4. Entries must be original work by the students. Songs included do not have to be original but the dialogue and script must be prepared by students. A written script must accompany the DVD recording.
5. Only one entry per contest is allowed per group.
6. The group/class submitting the entry must be composed of students in a class that registered for Promote the Vote 2010 and participated in the Mock Election, submitting election results to the Secretary of State's office.
7. Each DVD recording must be accompanied by the entry cover sheet. All students' social security numbers are required.
8. The Secretary of State's Office will not be able to return submitted DVDs. Please make copies for the student's own records.